

(2) providing other services to abused or neglected children, including child protective, law enforcement, court, foster care, or health care services; or

(3) providing treatment to adults recovering from child abuse; and

Whereas child abuse and neglect have long-term economic and societal costs: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 2012 as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month”;

(2) recognizes and applauds the national and community organizations that work to promote awareness about child abuse and neglect, including by identifying risk factors and developing prevention strategies;

(3) supports the proclamation issued by President Obama declaring April 2012 to be “National Child Abuse Prevention Month”; and

(4) should increase public awareness of prevention programs relating to child abuse and neglect, and continue to work with States to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in the United States.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 434—SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF PREVENTING AND EFFECTIVELY TREATING ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE BY THE YEAR 2025, AS ARTICULATED IN THE DRAFT NATIONAL PLAN TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CONRAD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

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Whereas Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States;

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease is the only disease among the 10 leading causes of death in the United States that lacks a means of prevention or a cure, and the progression of which cannot be slowed;

Whereas more than 5,000,000 people in the United States suffer from Alzheimer’s disease;

Whereas, in 2011, 15,200,000 family members and friends provided 17,400,000,000 hours of unpaid care valued at \$210,500,000,000 to patients with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias;

Whereas, by the year 2050, as many as 15,000,000 people in the United States will have Alzheimer’s disease if scientists do not make progress in the prevention or treatment of the disease;

Whereas the Federal Government spent an estimated \$140,000,000,000 under the Medicare and Medicaid programs to care for patients with Alzheimer’s disease in 2011;

Whereas spending relating to the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease under the Medicare and Medicaid programs is projected to be more than \$850,000,000,000 per year, in 2012 dollars, by the year 2050;

Whereas scientists working to find a cure for Alzheimer’s disease have already identified—

(1) more than 100 genes linked to Alzheimer’s disease;

(2) biomarkers to identify the people who are at risk for Alzheimer’s disease; and

(3) other promising leads in gene, protein, and drug therapies to benefit people who

have Alzheimer’s disease or are at risk for developing the disease;

Whereas an emphasis on early diagnosis, workforce training, education, and support for patients and the families of patients, as well as other programs and initiatives spearheaded by State and local governments, advocacy organizations, doctors, hospitals, and long-term care facilities, are already making a difference in reducing the burden of Alzheimer’s disease for patients, families, and communities;

Whereas the National Alzheimer’s Project Act (Public Law 111-375; 124 Stat. 4100), which Congress passed unanimously on December 15, 2010 and President Barack Obama signed into law on January 4, 2011, required the Secretary of Health and Human Services to create the first National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease, and established the Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services to assist the Secretary of Health and Human Services in this task;

Whereas, shortly after the National Alzheimer’s Project Act was enacted, the Department of Health and Human Services created the Interagency Group on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias to inform the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease;

Whereas, in formulating the draft National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Interagency Group on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias, and the Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services focused on 3 main topics, long-term services and support, clinical care, and research; and

Whereas the draft National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease includes—

(1) the bold and transformative goal of preventing and treating Alzheimer’s disease by the year 2025; and

(2) specific performance metrics to optimize the quality and efficiency of care, expand support for patients and families, enhance public awareness and engagement, track progress, and drive improvement: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate* That the Senate—

(1) supports the groundbreaking national goal of preventing and treating Alzheimer’s disease by the year 2025 and the other goals of the draft National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease;

(2) finds that basic science, medical research, and therapy development, through enhanced research programs and expanded public-private partnerships, are necessary for—

(A) reaching the goal of preventing and treating Alzheimer’s disease by the year 2025; and

(B) identifying a definitive cure for Alzheimer’s disease;

(3) calls for further public awareness and understanding of Alzheimer’s disease;

(4) supports increased assistance for people with Alzheimer’s disease and the caregivers and families of those people; and

(5) encourages early diagnosis and access to high-quality care for people with Alzheimer’s disease.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2012, at 10 a.m. to conduct a

committee hearing entitled “The Collapse of MF Global: Lessons Learned and Policy Implications.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, “The Emergence of Online Video: Is It the Future?”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Anatomy of a Fraud Bust: From Investigation to Conviction.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2012, at 10 a.m., to hold an African Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, “U.S. Policy to Counter the Lord’s Resistance Army.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES, AND BORDER SECURITY**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and Border Security, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Examining the Constitutionality and Prudence of State and Local Governments Enforcing Immigration Law.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2012, at 10:15 a.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Paul Edenfield a member of my staff, be granted floor privileges for the duration of today’s session.